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Allowable subject matter

The Office Action reports that claims 12 and 39 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 12 has been rewritten as an independent claim with the limitations of claims 7 and 11. Claims 2-3, 5-6, 9-10, 14 and 20-25 have been made to depend on claim 12.

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Claims 1, 4, 7-8, 11, 13, 15-19, and 26-28, 30-31 and 38 have been previously or currently cancelled.

Favorable action with respect to independent claims 12 and 39 and dependent claims 2-3, 5-6, 9-10, 14, 20-25, 29, and 32-37 is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

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